

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA

AS-717-10

**RESOLUTION ON MODIFICATION TO THE
BYLAWS OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING**

- 1 WHEREAS, Currently, the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* outline procedures for electing members to
2 the Academic Senate, Academic Senate offices, the Academic Senate CSU, and elected
3 committees; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, Procedures for these elections call for a “double envelope system” (outside envelope signed,
6 inside envelope sealed and containing the voted ballot); and
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- 8 WHEREAS, Incorporating an option for using electronic voting technology would provide a means for
9 both casting a ballot and counting ballots electronically; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, The advantages of casting electronic ballots and counting ballots electronically include: (1)
12 the move to a paperless voting system, and (2) the savings of time and materials used in
13 preparing, mailing, and counting paper ballots; therefore be it
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- 15 RESOLVED: That Section III.A of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be modified as follows:
16 Balloting procedures shall use ~~utilize~~ either an electronic voting system or a ~~shall be~~
17 by ‘double envelope system’ (outside envelope signed, inside envelope sealed and
18 containing the voted ballot), whichever is more appropriate to the nature of the
19 election and which ensures that only eligible persons will vote and ballots will
20 remain secret;
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22 and be it further
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- 24 RESOLVED: That Section III.A.5 of the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate* be modified as follows:
25 Ballots will be counted electronically if electronic voting is used; or if the ‘double envelope
26 system’ is used, ballots will be counted only if they are properly signed and received by the
27 announced closing date. Individual voting information Ballots will be retained for ten
28 working days;
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30 and be it further
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- 32 RESOLVED: That based on the petition of any candidate or eligible voter, received within ten days from
33 the conclusion of electronic election, the Academic Senate shall judge the validity of any
34 electronic election, and, if found invalid, the election shall be reconducted using the paper
35 ballot system.

Proposed by:	Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date:	September 21 2010
Revised:	October 19 2010

State of California
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To: Rachel Fernflores
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: November 16, 2010

From: Robert Glidden
Interim President



Copies: R. Koob

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-717-10
Resolution on Modification to the *Bylaws of the Academic Senate*
to Allow for Electronic Voting

This memo acknowledges receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate resolution.